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SUBJ: PRESS COMMENT ON LOWENSTEIN-MOOSE VISIT

1. THE FOLLOWING EDITORIAL APPEARED IN THIS MORNININGS

NEA POLITIA (PRO-GOVERNMENT):

2. WE WOULD LIKE TO HOPE THAT IT WAS INDEED THE INTENTION OF THE TWO ENVOYS OF THE U.S. SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, AS THEY ASSURED FOREIGN UNDERSECRETARY XANTHOPOULOS-PALAMAS, "TO FORM AN OBJECTIVE PICTURE ON MATTERS CONCERNING GREECE," AND THAT THEY ALSO WISH TO CONVEY THIS OBJECTIVE PICTURE ACCURATELY AND UNALTERED TO THOSE WHO GAVE THEM THEIR ASSIGNMENT. NEVERTHELESS, CERTAIN OF THE CONTACTS THAT MESSRS. LOWENSTEIN AND MOOSE HAD PERMIT DOUBTS AS TO WHETHER THEY ACTED FREE FROM ANY PREJUDICE. MOREOVER, THE FACT THAT THEY WERE SELECTED FOR THIS MISSION BY MR. FULBRIGHT, WHO IS KNOWN FOR HIS ANTI-GREEK FEELINGS, IN HIS CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF THE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, CANNOT BUT STRENGTHEN THESE DOUBTS. AT THE SAME TIME, HOWEVER,

WHATEVER THEIR THOUGHTS UPON ARRIVING IN GREECE
THE TWO AMERICAN ENVOYS SURELY CANNOT BUT HAVE UNDERSTOOD
THATTHE ABSOLUTE EASE WITH WHICH THEY WERE ABLE TO MOVE
ABOUT IN EVERY DIRECTION, CHOOSING BY PREFERENCE CONTACT

WITH CONFIRMED OPPONENTS OF THE REVOLUTION, IS ABSOLUTELY INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE RUMORED EXISTENCE OF A "DICTATORIAL

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REGIME." TRULY DICTATORIAL REGIMES NEITHER PERMIT INQUIRIES
OF THIS KIND TO FOREIGNERS NOR, MUCH LESS, DO THEY HELP
THEM TO MEET PERSONS HOSTILE TO THE REGIME.

3. THE POLICY OF "OPEN DOORS", WHICH THE REVOLUTION
HAS FOLLOWED IN THIS AND IN EVERY OTHER SIMILAR CASE,
IS AMPLE PROOF MNCTSIGENUINE DEMOCRATIC NATURE. IT
IS ALSO PROOF (WHICH WE ALSO HOPE THE TWO ENVOYS TO HAVE
UNDERSTOOD) THAT THE REVOLUTION IS SO STRONG THAT IT IS
ABSOLUTELY INDIFFERENT TO THE OPINION WHICH MIGHT BE FORMED

ABOUT IT BY THOSE FOREIGNERS WHO START OUT WITH AN UNFAVORABLE
PREJUDICE AND PERSIST IN IT.
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